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REF: A. Hong Kong 2778
B. Warsaw 2312, July 24, 1969

1. Trybuna Ludu printed text Chou-Cyrankiewicz tele-gram July 24. Text laconic, but longer than last year's govt-to-govt cable (ref B) by second sentence reading "I wish friendship between peoples of China and Poland to develop day by day". Albanian govt-to-govt telegram also printed; together they are last socialist-country congratulations to appear. Same issue prints PAP report of Polish Charge's reception Peking July 22. Ranking guests were Vice-Chairman of Assembly Standing Committee KUO Mo Jo, Vice Premier "and Chief of PRC Del to Peking negotiations with Soviet Union" CHAO, Vice Premier

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Min CHU Hua Ming, and Chief of Foreign Military Affairs Office CHAI (then Gen. Comperer 1969 reception, attendance upgraded by presence of KDO. Description of atmosphere, entirely lacking 1969, was "cordial".

2. COMMENT: Pattern of recent Chinese moves cited ref a, suggestive of Chinese interest in improving relations with Poland, begins to look interesting. Poles have their own policy interest in being forthcoming: they have been active in Asia and, within the Soviet alliance context, have sought to project distinct Polish image in Asian affairs. This context however sets strict limits to Polish maneuverability, which has narrowed even further since 1969 ICC when GOMULKA (by choice, Soviet pressure, or combination) assumed role of anti-Chinese spokesman in East Europe. In past year polemic mainly against Chinese has been muted and ~~mainly~~ confined to reprinting Soviet material, ~~but some Chinese material~~ and we suspect that Poles, while careful to keep their ~~lines straight with Moscow, may be quietly pleased by,~~ ~~and cautiously receptive to,~~ this new show of interest in them. ~~with some Chinese into Russian~~ ~~security of relations suggested by Polish representatives~~

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